

1. (Amended) [A collapsible shade structure supported on a surface for defining and enclosing an interior space, the shade structure comprising:

at least three foldable frame members each having a folded and an unfolded orientation, each frame member comprising at least three sides forming a continuous loop in the unfolded orientation;

a fabric material substantially covering the frame members to form a side panel for each frame member, each side panel having upper portions and assuming the unfolded orientation of its associated frame member;

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each frame member and its associated side panel having a first side hingedly connected to an adjacent frame member and its associated side panel by first interconnecting hinge means and a second side hingedly connected to another adjacent frame member and its associated side panel by second interconnecting hinge means; and

the frame members and their associated side panels held together to form an enclosed interior space with a third side of each frame member resting on the surface to support the shade structure] A foldable tent, having a top, which can be transformed from a fully collapsed configuration to a self supporting expanded configuration and vice versa, the tent comprising three or more joined together wall members, each wall member having a flexible frame formed of a single loop of coilable material when expanded and overlapping loops when collapsed and a wall panel of foldable material having a peripheral channel for constraining the frame into a generally triangular or rectangular shape with two sides and a base for each wall member with the sides extending from the top of the tent to said base when the wall panel is expanded, in which the sides of each wall member are securely and hingably joined to the adjacent sides of adjacent wall members from said top to said base so that the adjacent sides are held at least generally

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parallel to one another when the tent is in its expanded configuration.

Please add the following new claims:

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16. (New) A tent according to claim 1 in which the adjacent sides are each joined together and separated from one another by a respective elongate strip of foldable material extending along and between the sides of the wall members.

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17. (New) A tent according to claim 1 including a tent floor formed of foldable material which extends between and joins together the bases of the wall members.

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18. (New) A tent according to claim 1, including a foldable roof panel which extends between and connects the apexes of the triangles together or the tops of the rectangles.

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19. (New) A tent according to claim 1, including ground ties fixed to the tent generally in alignment with central axes parallel to each pair of adjacent sides of wall members.

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20. (New) A tent according to claim 1, in which each wall is a well-rounded triangular or rectangular shape when expanded.

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21. (New) A tent according to claim 1, in which one or more of the panels is provided with a closable opening to form a respective door of the tent.

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22. (New) A tent according to claim 1, in which at least one of the panels is formed of transparent or translucent material.

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23. (New) A tent according to claim 1, wherein said sides of each wall member are joined to adjacent sides of adjacent wall members inwardly of said peripheral channel with the peripheral

channel and associated frame for each wall member being free of the channel and associated frame of each other wall member.

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³⁷₂₄. (New) A foldable tent, having a top, which can be transformed from a fully collapsed configuration to a self supporting expanded configuration and vice versa, the tent comprising three or more joined together wall members, each wall member having a flexible frame formed of a single loop of coilable material when expanded and overlapping loops when collapsed; and a wall panel of foldable material having a peripheral channel for constraining the frame into a generally triangular shape defining two sides, a base and an apex for each wall member with the sides extending between said apex and said base and said apex being located at the top of the tent when the wall panel is expanded; said sides of each wall member being securely and hingably joined to adjacent sides of adjacent wall members from said apex to said base so that the adjacent sides are held at least generally parallel to one another when the tent is in its expanded configuration.

³⁸₂₅. (New) A foldable tent, having a top, which can be transformed from a fully collapsed configuration and vice versa, the tent comprising three or more joined together wall members, each wall member having a flexible frame formed of a single loop of coilable material when expanded and overlapping loops when collapsed; and a wall panel of foldable material having a peripheral channel enclosing said frame and constraining the frame into one shape from the group consisting of triangular and rectangular shapes defining two sides and a base for each wall member with the sides extending from the top of the tent to said base when the wall panel is expanded; said sides of each wall member being securely and hingably joined to adjacent sides of adjacent wall members inwardly of said peripheral channel with the adjacent sides held at least generally parallel to and spaced from one another when the tent is in its expanded configuration.

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~~26~~. (New) A tent according to claim 25 wherein the adjacent sides of adjacent wall members are joined together and spaced from one another by an elongate strip of foldable material extending along and between said adjacent sides.

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~~27~~. (New) A tent according to claim 26 wherein said elongated strips between adjacent sides of adjacent wall members are connected together at the top of the tent to define a foldable roof panel.

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~~28~~. (New) A tent according to claim 26 wherein said adjacent sides are joined together from the top of said tent to said base of each wall member. --

REMARKS

Original claims 2-15 have been cancelled. Original claim 1 has been amended. New claims 16-28 have been added. Claims 1 and 16-28 are pending in the present application. Amended claim 1, and new claims 16-28 have been copied from claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 5,411,046 (Wan) for the purpose of provoking an interference between the present application and U.S. Patent No. 5,411,046 (Wan).

The present application is a divisional of Serial No. 08/529,552, filed September 18, 1995, which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/024,690, filed on March 1, 1993 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,467,794), which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 07/764,784, filed September 24, 1991, entitled "Collapsible Shade Structure", now U.S. Patent No. 5,301,705. Since all the disclosure relied upon to support claims 1 and 16-28 of the present application can be found in Serial No. 07/764,784 (U.S. Patent No. 5,301,705), the effective filing date of the present divisional application is September 24, 1991, which is earlier than the February 3, 1992 priority filing date of U.S. Patent No. 5,411,046 (Wan).